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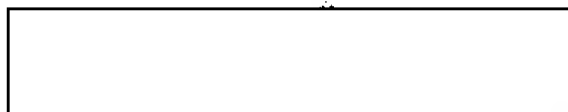
Soviet Economic Aid Extended to Countries
in and around the Persian Gulf, 1968-1973

Million US $

	Total	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total	1,180.3	304.5	140.6	80.1	251.1	215.0	189.0 a/
Afghanistan	255.5	126.7	--	2.8	5.0	121.0	--
Iran	419.8	177.8	--	54.4	--	--	187.6
Iraq	365.4	--	120.7	22.5	222.2	--	--
Jordan	5.5	--	5.5	--	--	--	--
Somalia	23.6	--	--	--	23.6	--	--
Syria	84.3	--	--	--	0.3	84.0	--
Yemen (Aden)	25.1	--	14.4	--	--	10.0	0.7
Yemen (Sana)	1.1	--	--	0.4	--	--	0.7

a. Preliminary data.

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Soviet Economic Aid Deliveries to Countries
in and around the Persian Gulf, 1968-72 a/

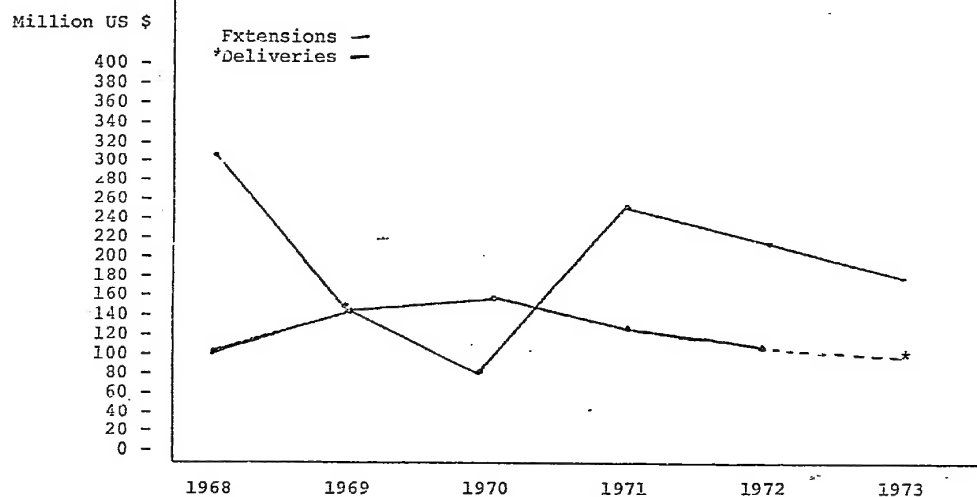|	Million US $
	1968-1972
Total	653.5
Afghanistan	93.0
Iran	358.3
Iraq	46.7
Jordan	0
Somalia	11.8
Syria	122.7
Yemen (Aden)	6.8
Yemen (Sana)	14.2

a.   Estimates of economic aid deliveries in 1973 will be
     available on 18 January 1974.

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Soviet Economic Aid Extended and Delivered
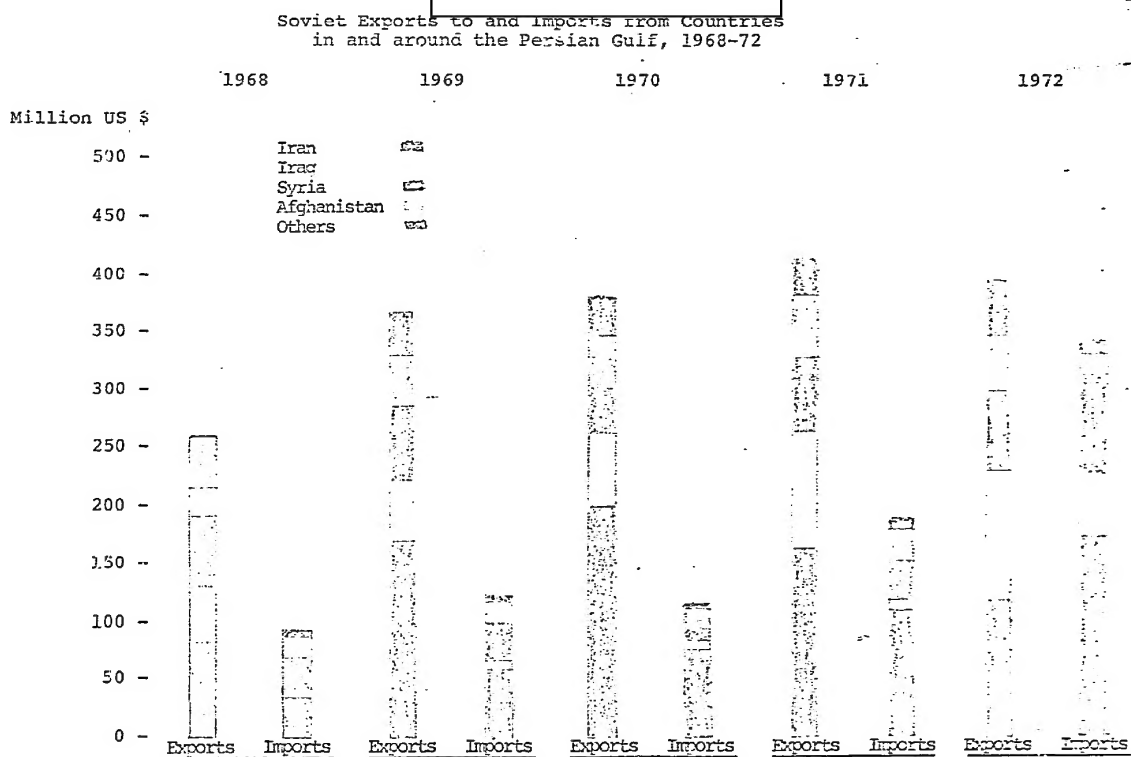to Countries in and around the Persian Gulf,
1968-73

Million US $

Extensions —
Deliveries —

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400 -
380 -
360 -
340 -
320 -
300 -
280 -
260 -
240 -
220 -
200 -
180 -
160 -
140 -
120 -
100 -
 80 -
 60 -
 40 -
 20 -
  0 -
      1968      1969      1970      1971      1972      1973
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* Estimate of economic aid deliveries in 1973 will be
  available on 18 January 1974.

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Soviet Exports to and Imports from Countries
in and around the Persian Gulf, 1968-1972 1/

	Total		1968		1969		1970		1971		1972	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
Total	1,814.0	889.6	254.4	97.8	365.1	131.6	383.1	129.2	421.3	188.1	390.1	342.9
Afghanistan	220.9	171.6	39.7	31.0	44.8	30.6	40.0	34.3	50.3	38.4	46.1	37.3
Bahrain	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Iran	707.9	438.9	88.1	40.1	161.6	56.4	187.8	69.1	154.8	111.2	115.6	162.1
Iraq	403.6	94.0	50.8	4.1	67.7	4.7	66.0	4.6	110.1	6.1	109.0	74.5
Israel	0.3	Negl.	--	--	0.3	Negl.	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jordan	22.1	0	3.4	--	4.3	--	7.1	--	6.6	--	0.7	--
Kuwait	77.9	1.1	15.0	--	15.3	--	10.8	0.3	19.3	0.8	17.5	--
Oman	0	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Qatar	0	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Saudi Arabia	25.9	0.2	3.9	--	4.6	0.2	6.0	--	5.0	--	5.4	--
Somalia	29.1	6.0	3.6	0.1	2.1	Negl.	3.1	0.4	6.1	2.0	14.2	3.5
Syria	264.9	171.7	42.1	20.9	47.9	37.3	46.4	19.2	57.7	29.3	70.9	65.0
United Arab Emirates	0	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Yemen (Aden)	23.4	1.2	1.4	--	6.9	1.0	4.8	0.2	2.4	Negl.	7.9	Negl.
Yemen (Sana)	38.0	4.9	6.4	1.6	9.7	1.4	11.1	1.1	8.0	0.3	2.8	0.5

1. Data are from the official Soviet Trade yearbook. Ocean freight and insurance costs are excluded.

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Soviet Exports to and Imports from Countries
in and around the Persian Gulf, 1968-72

| 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 |

Million US $

	Iran	
	Iraq	
	Syria	
	Afghanistan	
	Others	

500 —
450 —
400 —
350 —
300 —
250 —
200 —
150 —
100 —
50 —
0 —

Exports   Imports   Exports   Imports   Exports   Imports   Exports   Imports   Exports   Imports

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Soviet Military Aid Extensions to Countries
in and around the Persian Gulf, 1968-1973

Million US $

	Total	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
TOTAL	1,836	100	92	241	461	392	550
Afghanistan	107	--	--	--	107	--	--
Iran	421	--	40	135	180	66	--
Iraq	297	8	45	55	25	14	150
Somalia	25	5	--	6	14	--	--
Syria	942	75	--	40	125	302	400 a/
Yemen (Aden)	37	7	5	5	10	10	--
Yemen (Sana)	7	5	2	--	--	--	--

a. Estimated value of military equipment delivered to Syria,
    following the outbreak of the Arab-Israeli War on
    6 October 1973.

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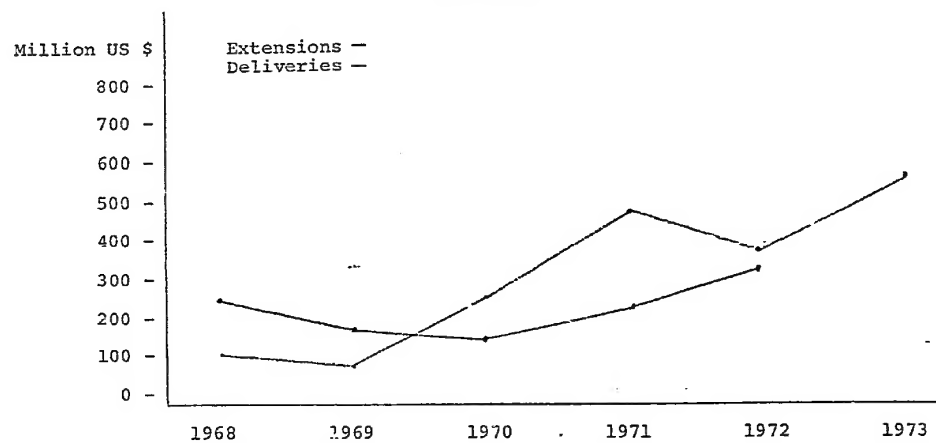### Soviet Military Aid Deliveries to Countries in and around the Persian Gulf

Million US $

	Total	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
TOTAL	1,131	226	185	168	221	331	a/
Afghanistan	191	30	30	20	10	11	--
Iran	308	50	60	50	75	73	--
Iraq	295	100	50	33	30	80	--
Somalia	23	4	5	7	1	6	--
Syria	370	35	35	50	100	150	--
Yemen (Aden)	26	2	4	4	5	11	--
Yemen (Sana)	8	5	1	2	--	--	--

a. Estimates of military aid deliveries in 1973 will be available 18 January 1974. Preliminary analysis indicates they be more than twice the total of 1972.

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Soviet Military Aid Extensions and Deliveries
to Countries in and around the Persian Gulf,
1968-1973

Million US $ Extensions —
                    Deliveries —

800 –
700 –
600 –
500 –
400 –
300 –
200 –
100 –
  0 –

        1968   1969   1970   .   1971   1972   1973

        Estimate of military aid deliveries in 1973 will be
    available on 18 January 1974.

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Military Personnel from Countries in and around the Persian Gulf Trained in the USSR a/

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
TOTAL	1,205	1,320	2,110	1,625	1,780	b/
Afghanistan	350	350	500	400	400	--
Iran	--	--	110	40	10	--
Iraq	250	290	370	230	225	--
Somalia	260	170	350	260	450	--
Syria	215	210	220	190	530	--
Yemen (Aden)	--	160	160	105	145	--
Yemen (Sana)	130	140	400	400	20	--

a. Data refer to the number of persons departing for training but not necessarily completing training. Numbers are rounded to the nearest five.
b. Totals for 1973 will be available on 18 January 1974.

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Soviet Military Technicians in Countries
in and around the Persian Gulf a/, 1968-1973

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
TOTAL b/	2,125	1,415	1,730	2,070	2,580	c/
Afghanistan	450	200	160	160	200	--
Iran	15	15	30	30	30	--
Iraq	200	320	320	400	500	--
Somalia	250	180	250	300	400	--
Syria	1,100	500	750	800	1,140	--
Yemen (Aden)	10	100	120	180	210	--
Yemen (Sana)	100	100	100	200	100	--

a. Minimum estimates of the number of persons present for a
    period of one month or more. Numbers are rounded to the
    nearest five.
b. Totals include some East European military technicians.
c. Totals for 1973 will be available on 18 January 1974.

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Soviet General Purpose Naval Force Deployment Levels
In the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean, 1968-1973*

I.   High, Average and Low Deployment Levels of Soviet
     Naval Forces

A.   Mediterranean Sea

The dramatic buildup of the Soviet
Mediterranean Squadron which began in 1964, and
was stimulated in great part by the Arab-Israeli
war of 1967, continued through 1971 when the
size of the squadron stabilized at an average
level of about 50 units. This force has fluc-
tuated in size due to normal rotating or the
deployment of additional ships during a crisis.
During the Yom Kippur War in the final quarter
of 1973, the Soviet naval force there tempor-
arily increased to an all time high of 94
general purpose units. Following the war, the
Soviet deployment level in the Mediterranean
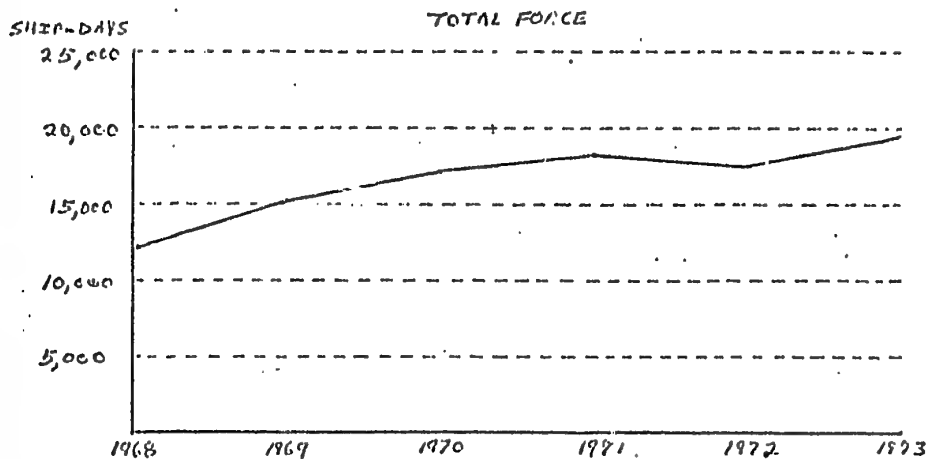has gradually returned to about the same level
as that of two years ago.

The following graphs illustrate the
development of the Soviet Mediterranean Squadron
since 1968. This development is first expressed
in the conventional ship-days format. Then it
is portrayed in terms of high, average, and low
deployment levels: High--the largest number of
surface combatants, submarines, and support
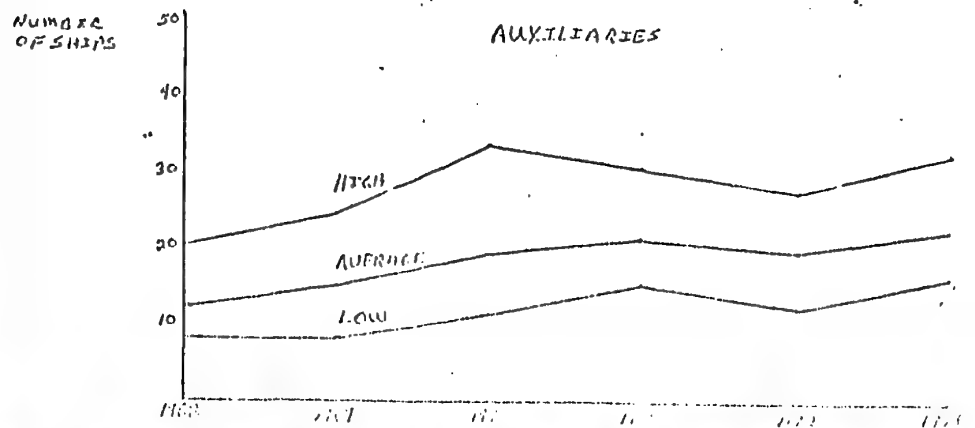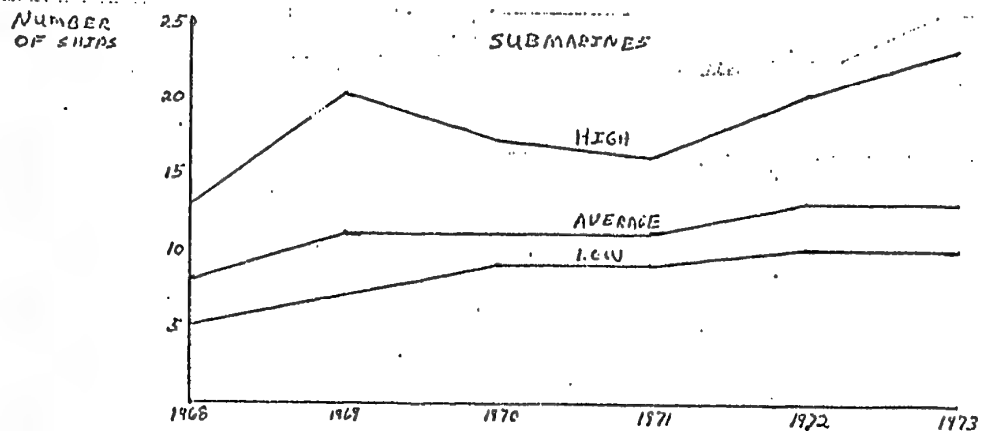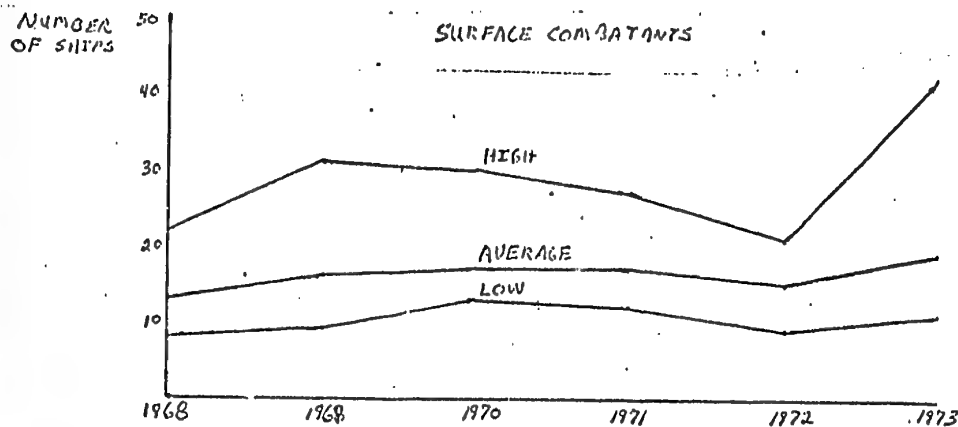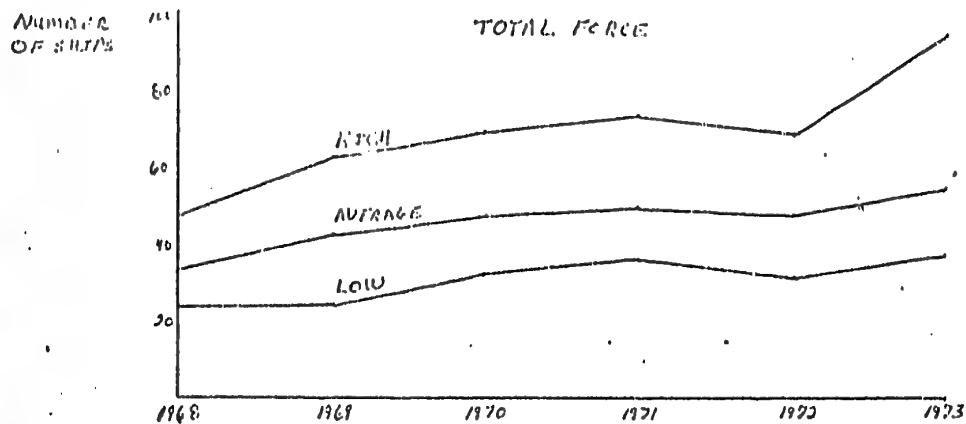ships present at any one time during the year;

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* General purpose force deployments do not include
ballistic missile submarine, oceanographic, and
space support operations.

Average--the average number of surface com-
batants, submarines and support ships present
during the year, rather than the average of the
high and low figures; and Low--the smallest
number of surface combatants, submarines, and
support ships present at any one time during
the year.

Soviet General Purpose Naval Force Deployment
Levels In The Mediterranean Sea, 1968-1973

NUMBER
OF SHIPS

TOTAL FORCE

HIGH

AVERAGE

LOW

1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973

NUMBER
OF SHIPS

SURFACE COMBATANTS

HIGH

AVERAGE

LOW

1968 1968 1970 1971 1972 1973

NUMBER
OF SHIPS

SUBMARINES

HIGH

AVERAGE

LOW

1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973

NUMBER
OF SHIPS

AUXILIARIES

HIGH

AVERAGE

LOW

B. Indian Ocean

The Soviet naval presence in the Indian
Ocean began in March 1968 with the deployment
of a goodwill contingent of four ships. Good-
will visits continued as a principal objective
of Soviet operations in the Indian Ocean until
1970 and the average Soviet naval force level
there continued to gradually increase.

There was a general slump in Indian Ocean
deployment levels from the conclusion of exercise
"Ocean" in the spring of 1970 until the outbreak
of the India-Pakistan War in December 1971.
During the crisis the Soviet naval force in the
Indian Ocean had reached a total of 22 units,
45 percent of which were major combatants and
submarines. Although units of this force departed
the Indian Ocean by late February and early March
of 1972, the total number of Soviet ships in the
Indian Ocean did not markedly decrease. This
was because the Soviets sent eleven ships to
Bangladesh to assist in harbor clearing opera-
tions. These operations included up to six
minesweepers and ten miscellaneous auxiliaries.
The presence of these harbor clearing units con-
tributed to a 1972 high of 23 general purpose
naval units in the Indian Ocean. Of these,
however, only 13 percent were major combatants
and submarines, whereas 30 percent were mine-
sweepers and 57 percent were auxiliaries. Since
the mine removal craft in Bangladesh were small
and not directly involved in the Soviet naval
"presence" elsewhere in the Indian Ocean, they
have been frequently excluded from the totals
of Soviet deployments in the Indian Ocean.

During October 1972, the Soviets began work
to set up a naval support facility in Berbera,
Somalia. A combination barracks and repair ship
was moored there and used to support the con-
struction of the improved port facilities, a
Soviet naval communications station, and
reportedly a military airfield. Other Soviet
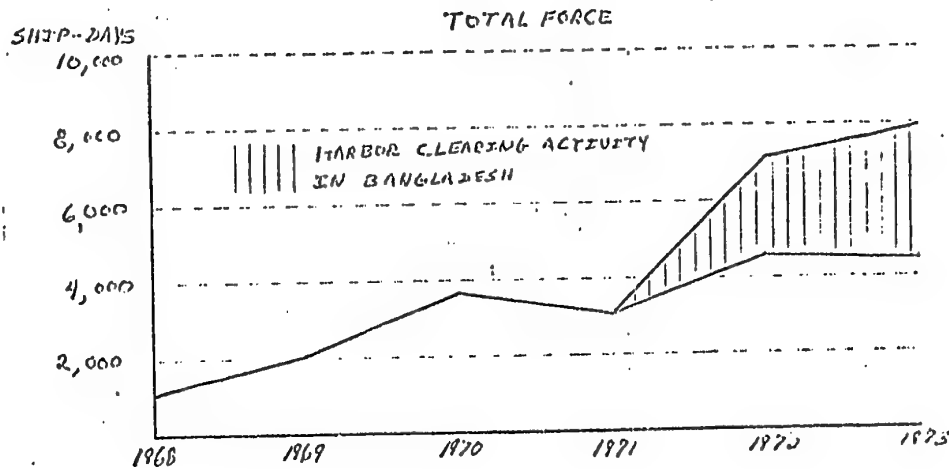warships were in Berbera on a routine basis.

The fluctuations of Soviet naval forces in
the Indian Ocean appear to be directly related
to US naval initiatives during various crises.
During both the India-Pakistan war of 1971 and
the recent Yom Kippur War, Soviet naval units
entered these waters after major US carrier
task forces had been deployed there. In 1973,
the aggregate number of Soviet naval units in
the Indian Ocean reached a new high in response
to the deployment of the USS Hancock and a
carrier task force there in late October. In
December 1973, when the Soviet augmentation of
their Indian Ocean naval force was complete, a
peak of 30 general purpose naval units was
reached. Of the 30 units counted in the high,
10-12 units were already in the Indian Ocean
conducting long term special operations in
Bangladesh or Somalia. Only ten units of the
total force were major combatants or submarines--
the same number of major combatants and sub-
marines present during the India-Pakistan War.

Soviet naval activity in the Persian Gulf
has involved only a small part of the force
deployed in the Indian Ocean. The Soviets have
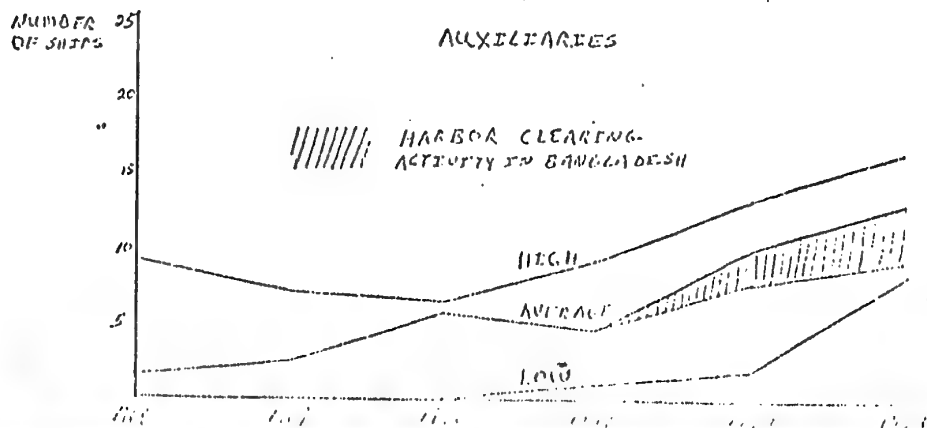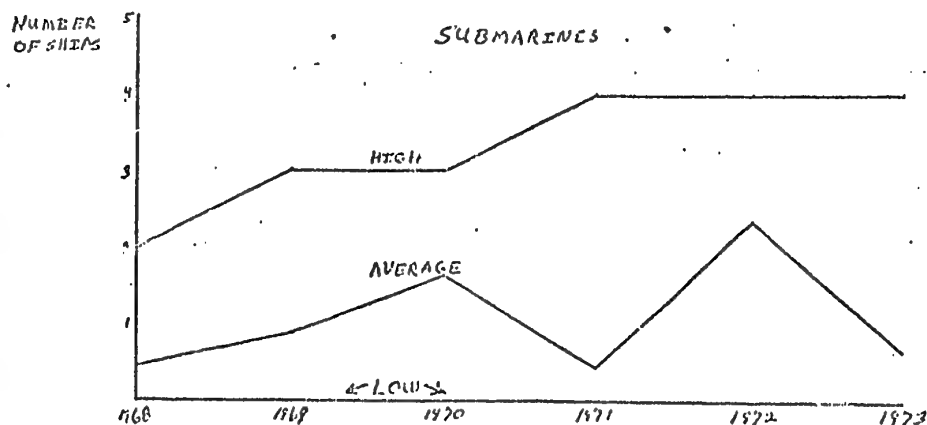yet to conduct a naval exercise in the Persian

Gulf, and only one tenth of the Indian Ocean
port calls are conducted in the Persian Gulf.

The following graphs illustrate the growth
of Soviet naval deployments to the Indian Ocean
since 1968:

Soviet General Purpose Naval Force Deployment
Levels In The Indian Ocean, 1968-1973

TOTAL FORCE

HARBOR CLEARING ACTIVITY
IN BANGLADESH

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TOTAL FORCE

HARBOR CLEARING ACTIVITY
IN BANGLADESH

HIGH
AVERAGE
LOW

1968   1969   1970   1971   1972   1973

SURFACE COMBATANTS

HARBOR CLEARING
ACTIVITY IN BANGLADESH

HIGH
AVERAGE
LOW

1968   1969   1970   1971   1972   1973

SUBMARINES

HIGH
AVERAGE
LOW

1968   1969   1970   1971   1972   1973

AUXILIARIES

HARBOR CLEARING
ACTIVITY IN BANGLADESH

HIGH
AVERAGE
LOW
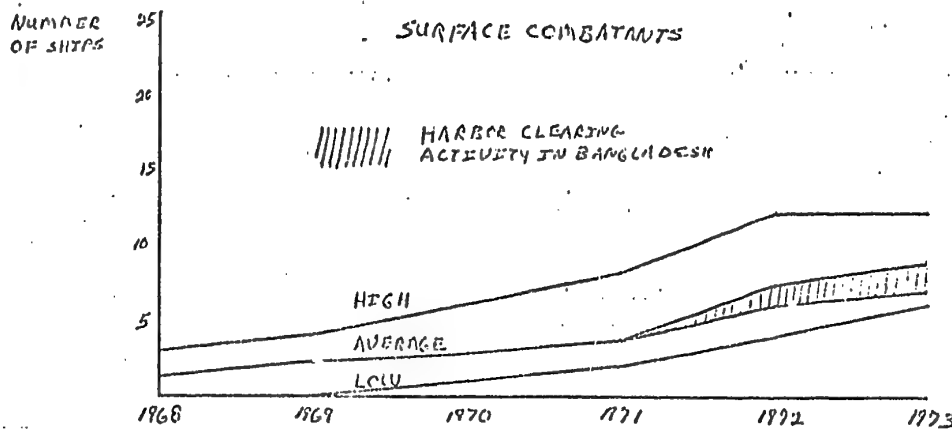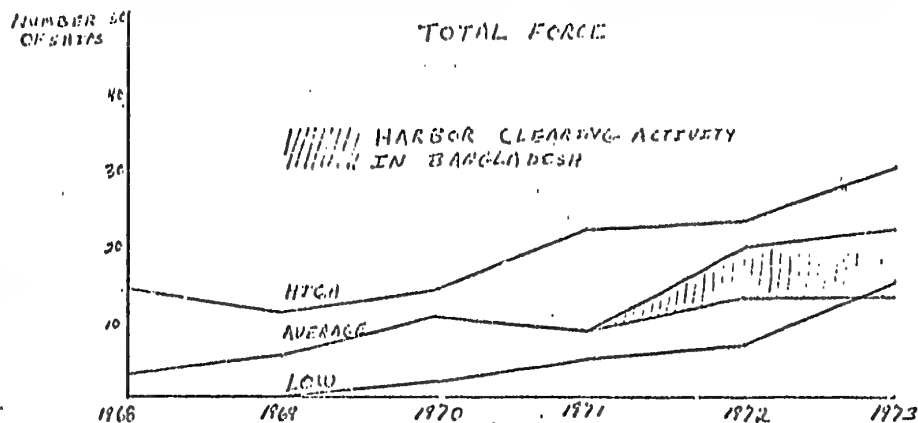
Normal Profiles* of
Deployed Soviet Naval Forces

A.   Mediterranean Sea   During the past year, the

normal profile of the Soviet Mediterranean

Squadron has been some 19 surface combatants,

12 submarines, and 24 auxiliaries. The surface

combatant portion of this force normally

included two cruisers or surface-to-surface

missile equipped ships, four surface-to-air

missile equipped destroyers, eight gun-armed

destroyer or destroyer-escort size units, two

mine craft, and three amphibious ships. The

submarine contingent usually included one or

two nuclear powered attack units of either the

C or V class and eight to ten diesel powered

attack submarines of which one was usually a

cruise missile unit. The auxiliary force

normally included 17 miscellaneous auxiliary

support units, three naval-associated merchant

tankers, and three intelligence collectors.

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*   Excludes ships responding to the Yom Kippur War
crisis and those present during normal rotation of
units.

B. Indian Ocean   In 1973 the normal profile of
    Soviet naval units conducting routine operations
    in the Indian Ocean was one gun-armed cruiser or
    missile equipped ship, two destroyer or destroyer-
    escort sized units, one minecraft, one amphibious
    ship, a diesel submarine, and six auxiliary
    support ships (including one naval-associated
    merchant tanker). The two escorts appear to be
    based in the Indian Ocean.

    In addition last year, there were normally
    11 other Soviet naval units in the Indian Ocean
    conducting special operations. These units
    included a combination barracks and repair
    barge at Berbera, Somalia, and a force of
    three minecraft and seven miscellaneous auxili-
    aries conducting salvage operations in Bangladesh.

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The following tabulation summarizes Soviet port visits in the Mediterranean Sea since 1968. During this period, port visits in the UAR accounted for over 85 percent of the total for the Mediterranean as a whole and port visits in Syria made up most of the remainder.

Soviet Port Visits in the Mediterranean Sea*

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973**
Algeria	16	17	19	21	23	24
France	0	0	4	2	1	3
Italy	2	5	9	3	2	9
Libya	0	1	0	0	0	0
Morocco	0	0	0	0	0	13
Syria	35	40	36	25	51	45
Tunisia	0	3	0	2	2	0
UAR	136	504	522	499	335	—
Yugoslavia	17	9	3	6	6	11
TOTALS	206	576	589	506	420	—

*   The totals reflect every entry of each Soviet naval ship into a foreign port but do not reflect the duration of the visits which varied from one day to over 18 months.   Port calls by oceanographic research and space event support ships are included in the totals because the data available for 1968 through 1971 are not broken down by ship type.

**   Soviet port visits in Egypt have not yet been totalled, although Soviet ships were in Alexandria, Port Said and Mersa Matruh on a virtually continuous basis through 1973.

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The following table depicts the pattern of
Soviet port visits in the Indian Ocean region
since 1968. The large increase in visits to
Somalia since 1971 reflects the USSR's develop-
ment and use of the port of Berbera for naval
support. Most of the remaining port visits in
the Indian Ocean--particularly those by com-
batants--were undertaken for diplomatic purposes.

Soviet Port Visits in the Indian Ocean*

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Ethiopia	0	1	1	1	1	1
India	8	2	6	1	4	7
Iran	3	7	0	2	2	0
Iraq	3	8	2	11	14	16
Kenya	5	0	3	0	2	4
Kuwait	0	1	0	0	0	0
Malagasy Republic	0	1	0	0	0	0
Maldives	1	1	0	1	0	1
Mauritius	2	4	17	5	20	11
Pakistan	2	2	2	0	0	0
Seychelles Islands	0	0	0	0	3	0
Somalia	3	13	18	11	38	97
South Yemen	4	13	7	13	12	7
Sri Lanka	4	8	2	2	14	9
Sudan	0	2	0	2	0	0
Tanzania	4	2	2	0	0	0
UAR	3	1	0	0	0	0
Yemen	0	2	3	0	0	0
TOTALS	42	68	63	49	110	153

* The totals reflect every entry of each Soviet naval ship into a
foreign port but do not reflect the duration of the visits which
varied from one day to 18 months. Port calls by oceanographic
research and space event support ships are included in the totals
because the data available for 1968 through 1971 are not categorized
by ship. Singapore is not included in the table because it is a
Pacific Ocean port. However, Soviet ships from the Indian Ocean
occasionally call there and Soviet naval auxiliaries are overhauled
in Singapore's shipyards.

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